

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

To provide an image forming apparatus that prevents generation of image noise by recovering a movable member having flexibility from creep deformation. The image forming apparatus for forming images on a recording medium includes a movable member having flexibility, a detection section for detecting temperature of the movable member directly, a storage section for storing the temperature detected by the detection section when the apparatus is powered off, and a control section for changing a duration of time during which the movable member is in a preparatory operation corresponding to the detected temperature read from the storage section when the apparatus is powered on.